



## COUNCIL MINUTES

September 22, 2008

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in a Study Session in the lower level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on September 22, 2008 at 5:01 p.m.

### COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Scott Smith  
Alex Finter  
Dina Higgins  
Kyle Jones  
Dennis Kavanaugh  
Dave Richins  
Scott Somers

### COUNCIL ABSENT

None

### OFFICERS PRESENT

Debbie Spinner  
Linda Crocker

Mayor Smith noted that Deputy City Manager Kari Kent was representing City Manager Christopher Brady, who is out of town.

#### 1. Review items on the agenda for the September 22, 2008 Regular Council meeting.

All of the items on the agenda were reviewed among Council and staff and the following was noted:

Conflicts of interest declared: None

Items continued to the October 6, 2008 Regular Council meeting: 7a, b, c and d

#### 2. Hear a presentation, discuss and provide direction on the proposed Planned Community District for the Mesa Proving Grounds.

Planning Director John Wesley advised that since receiving the final submittal of the Community Plan for the Planned Community District from DMB in August, staff and the Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Board have reviewed the information. He stated that several amendments proposed by P&Z have been added and other changes have also been made. Mr. Wesley directed the Council's attention to Section 3.6e (a copy of the document is available for review in the City Clerk's Office) that includes changes to address public transit needs. He added that a one-page document distributed to the Council (see Attachment 1) relates to the sustainability issue in paragraph 5. Mr. Wesley said that other areas of the Community Plan also address the issue of sustainability, such as references to "living well over time."

In response to a question from Councilmember Somers regarding performance measures, Mr. Wesley said that although some of the language refers to standards to which the project aspires, there are areas that address specifics, such as street and building orientation, solar, shading, the pedestrian system, the use of alternative vehicles, etc. He noted that Section 5 of the Plan is more specific in regard to measuring the implementation of the sustainability features.

Mr. Wesley reported that the Study Session on Thursday, September 25, 2008 would include updated information on the Master Plan and data on job creation. He added that the final version of the Plan should be available by the end of the following week.

3. Hear reports on meetings and/or conferences attended.

There were no reports on meetings and/or conferences attended.

4. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

Deputy City Manager Kari Kent stated that the meeting schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, September 24, 2008, 8:00 a.m. – General & Economic Development Committee

Thursday, September 25, 2008, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

Thursday, September 25, 2008, 5:30 p.m. – Joint Meeting with Mesa Public Schools

Saturday, September 27, 2008, 9:00 a.m. – National Emergency Preparedness Event

5. Prescheduled public opinion appearances.

Carol Villard, 248 North Macdonald, #218, addressed the Council regarding the bus stop on 3<sup>rd</sup> Place near the Mesa Senior Center. She said that she has obtained 47 signatures on petitions (copies are available for review in the City Clerk's Office) in support of retaining the 3<sup>rd</sup> Place bus stop. Ms. Villard stated that the transfer station service at this location has "opened the world" to the handicapped population in that area by providing access to all areas of the Valley.

Mayor Smith thanked Ms. Villard for her comments, and he requested that staff discuss the issue with Ms. Villard.

6. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

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SCOTT SMITH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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LINDA CROCKER, CITY CLERK

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Study Session of the City Council of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September 2008. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

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LINDA CROCKER, CITY CLERK

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Attachment (1)